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*Grammar and Chrestomathy* of Erman, Dr. Günther Roeder, of Breslau, has just produced an excellent little volume in Strack's new series of Oriental Grammars, known as *Clavis linguarum semiticarum*, of which it forms the Sixth Part. The volume represents the very latest state of knowledge in Egyptian science, and is admirably adapted for the purpose which the author has in view. The presentation of the grammar is surprisingly condensed, containing all the elements of the language in 54 pages. The list of the signs comprising the system of writing occupies 10 pages, and to this a little dictionary of 17 pages is added. A selection of well-chosen texts, suited for reading by a beginner, occupies 56 pages at the end of the volume, with a few pages of grammatical and explanatory notes.

While congratulating the German traveler on the Nile upon the possession of a textbook so convenient and reasonably priced, and which will introduce him quickly and intelligently to the mysteries of Egyptian speech and writing, we cannot but express regret that no such volume exists in English.<sup>1</sup>

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## HELPS FOR THE ELEMENTARY STUDY OF ARABIC

### SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE

Since my note bearing the above title was published, in the January number of this *Journal*,<sup>2</sup> I have had opportunity to examine the new (1913) edition of Brünnow's *Arabische Chrestomathie aus Prosaschriftstellern*, edited by Fischer.

The selections are for the most part new, and are on the whole well chosen and arranged. The glossary is prepared with especial care, but—unfortunately for English-speaking students—only in German. It is to be hoped that an edition with Arabic-English glossary may also be published. It would doubtless meet with a hearty welcome, both in this country and in England.

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<sup>1</sup> A little volume of even less technical character, representing the elements of Egyptian speech and writing, and intended chiefly for youth, has just been furnished for the "Sammlung Göschen" by Professor Erman, the founder of the modern school of Egyptian grammatical study, in a delightful little treatise entitled *Die Hieroglyphen*, von Dr. Adolf Erman, Berlin and Leipzig: G. J. Göschen'sche Verlagshandlung G. m. B. H., 1912.

<sup>2</sup> See pp. 138 f.